



SOUTH CAROLINA **Coastweeks** 2005

Fun Events from The Grand Strand to the Lowcountry and beyond!

Each fall, this country observes Coastweeks, a celebration of our coastal resources. Since South Carolina has some of the most beautiful beaches and wetlands in the country, it is only natural that we have one of the largest and best Coastweeks celebrations.

As you participate, we hope you gain a greater appreciation of our coastal resources. Learn something, but above all, enjoy yourself.

September 17, 2005 – October 8, 2005

DATES

Coast Weeks 2005

Daily or Variable Time Events

Alligators

Beachwalk

Lighthouse Tour

Sea Safari

Walk in the Woods

Under the Sea

Secrets of the Salt Marsh

Ocean Sightseeing

Offshore Fishing

Dolphin Watching

Salt Marsh Tour

Wildflowers of the Fields
and Roadside

Coastal Photography Contest
(enter by September 30, 2005)

September 17

Beach Sweep/River Sweep
Statewide

Ace Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Myrtle Beach Sweep and Raffle
Horry County

Pritchards Island Beach Sweep
Beaufort County

Sandy Island Wildlife Refuge Kayaking
Georgetown County

Kayak/Canoe Tour and Clean Up
*Berkeley County/
Charleston County*

Swamp Sweep
Berkeley County

Fossil Foray
Charleston County

Parent and Child Canoe/Kayak Sampler
Charleston County

Sea Kayak Instruction
Charleston County

Sunset Paddle
Charleston County

Got Birds?
Charleston County

Discover Your Barrier Islands
Charleston County

Discover Sea Kayaking
Charleston County

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Deveaux Bank Kayak Trip
Charleston County

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How to Decorate - Hermit Crab Style
Horry County

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Tour
Beaufort County

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking
Georgetown County

September 21

Ace Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Dolphin and Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

September 22

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Tour
Beaufort County

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking
Georgetown County

September 23

Lagoon Kayaking
Beaufort County

Dolphin and Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

September 24

Ace Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Huck Finn Children's Fishing Festival
Charleston County

National Estuaries Day Open House
Georgetown County

National Estuaries Day ACE Basin Tour
Colleton County

One Wild Weekend at Cypress Gardens
Berkeley County

Huntington Beach Salt Marsh Kayaking
Georgetown County

Blackwater Rice Plantation Kayak/Canoe
Tour and Creek Sweep
Berkeley County

Swamp Exploration
Berkeley County

Parent and Child Canoeing
Charleston County



September 24

Rice Fields Paddle
Charleston County

Got Birds?
Colleton County

September 25

One Wild Weekend at Cypress Gardens
Berkeley County

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Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Tour
Beaufort County

Black River Swamp Kayaking
Georgetown County

September 28

Ace Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Wednesday Warblers
Horry County

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Dolphin and Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

September 29

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Tour
Beaufort County

Black River Swamp Kayaking
Georgetown County

Carolina Bays Slide Show
Charleston County

September 30

Fishes of the North Inlet
Georgetown County

September 30

Lagoon Kayaking
Beaufort County

Dolphin and Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

October 1

Ace Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Sandy Island Wildlife Refuge Kayaking
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Bluegrass Festival
Berkeley County

Morris Island Kayak Trip
Charleston County

Capers Island Heritage Kayak Trip
Charleston County

Got Birds?
Charleston County

Explore Bull Island
Charleston County

Carolina Bays Fieldtrip
Charleston County

October 2

Wambaw Creek Swamp Paddle and Float
Berkeley County

Naturalist Guided Beach Walk
Charleston County

October 3

See Daily or Variable Time Events

October 4

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Tour
Beaufort County

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking
Georgetown County

October 5

Ace Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Wednesday Warblers
Horry County

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Dolphin and Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

October 6

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Tour
Beaufort County

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking
Georgetown County

October 7

Lagoon Kayaking
Beaufort County

Dolphin and Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

October 8

Ace Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Huntington Beach Salt Marsh Kayaking
Georgetown County

Pritchards Island Fishing FUNdraiser
Beaufort County

Parent and Child Canoe/Kayak Sampler
Charleston County

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Ace Basin Tours

September 17, 21, 24, 28

October 1, 5, 8

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Coosaw Island

Enjoy a comfortable ride aboard a 38-foot, 40-passenger covered pontoon boat through the beautiful Ace Basin. See dolphins, alligators, eagles, osprey, raccoons, minks, otters, deer and the numerous bird life that make the ACE Basin their home. *This three-hour boat trip is 25 miles round-trip and open to all ages. Reservations are required.*

The cost is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

For more information, contact

Captain Stan Lawson at

(843) 521-3099;

toll free at (866) 521-3099.

www.acebasintours.com

Fishing Offshore

September 17 - October 8

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Port Royal Landing Marina

Bring the family and come enjoy a day of fishing aboard a 35-foot Powercat with lots of fishing area. You will enjoy trolling and bottom fishing for Spanish Mac, King and Black Sea Bass and others in the Gulf Stream. All equipment will be provided, and the captain will clean your fish. Captain Wally is a very safe Captain and has safely taken more than 10,000 people out on fishing excursions. All participants should bring food, drinks, sunscreen, and wear boat shoes. Trip open to ages 7 years and older. Boat can take up to six people. *Reservations are required.* Cruises are also available to explore local waterways and to learn about the environment.

For more information, contact

"Captain Wally" at (843) 525-1174.

www.seawolfcharter.com

Pritchards Island Beach Sweep

September 17

9:00 a.m.

Pritchards Island

We want to keep this pristine barrier island clean and we need your help to do it! Bring your family and, if possible, your truck to help haul away the astonishing amount of trash that accumulates on Pritchards Island. Bags and gloves will be provided. Be sure to bring a snack and a reusable water bottle. *Volunteers must sign a waiver to*

be turned in prior to the boat ride.

For information, please call Brandy Armstrong at (843) 575-7432 or email pritchards_island@hotmail.com.

This event is coordinated with S.C. Sea Grant's national Beach Sweep/River Sweep and is sponsored by Pritchards Island and USC Beaufort.

Beach Walk

September 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29

October 4, 5, 6

Times vary with the low tide - please call for reservations.

Hilton Head Island

This is a long-time favorite of island visitors and residents alike. The tour includes a walk of a mid-island beach to the Folly, a tidal inlet creek. Along the way, participants will learn about the forces shaping the beach, the importance of the dunes, and the roles played by many sea creatures. There will be lots of time for hands-on studying of the shells and other inhabitants of the beach. *The cost is \$12 per adult and \$7 for children ages 4-12. Advanced registration is required.*

For more information call

(843) 689-6767.

This event is sponsored by the Coastal Discovery Museum.

www.coastaldiscovery.org

Pinckney Island Tour

September 20, 22, 27, 29 and

October 4, 6

9:00 a.m.

Hilton Head Island

A walking tour of this National Wildlife Refuge allows participants to view maritime forest, salt marsh and fresh water pond ecosystems and the wildlife associated with each area. The rich history of the island is discussed in relation to its current use as a refuge. Wildlife management techniques can also be seen which allows a better understanding of how the government is trying to preserve these areas for the future. *The cost is \$12 per adult and \$7 for children ages 4-12. Advanced registration is required.*

For more information call

(843) 689-6767.

This event is sponsored by the Coastal Discovery Museum.

www.coastaldiscovery.org

Dolphin Nature Cruise

September 21, 23, 28, 30 and

October 5, 7

3:00 p.m.

Hilton Head Island

This cruise allows participants to view the habits and learn more about the bottlenose dolphin and other sea creatures of the area. Preserved specimens are used to examine the diversity of the region. *The cost is \$12 per adult and \$7 for children ages 4-12. The boat will depart from the Broad Creek Marina. Advanced registration is required.*

For more information call

(843) 689-6767.

This event is sponsored by the Coastal Discovery Museum.

www.coastaldiscovery.org

Lagoon Kayaking

September 23, 30 and October 7

9:00 a.m.

Hunting Island State Park

Become one with the water by joining our weekly excursion on the waters surrounding Hunting Island. No experience is necessary. *This program is for ages 12 years and older. All equipment and instruction will be provided by the Kayak Farm. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations are required. All participants should bring drinking water and shoes that can get wet.*

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.

www.southcarolinaparks.com

Pritchards Island Fishing FUNdraiser

October 8

All Day - Call for start time

Pritchards Island

This catch-and-release fishing contest benefits USC Beaufort's Island Turtle Project. Participants will be treated to a steak dinner on the beach, and the grand prize is a free educational weekend on Pritchards Island for you and up to 17 of your friends and family (must be at least 7 years old). *The contest registration fee is \$250. The contest is open to fishers 18 and older. In addition to entrants for the fishing contest, student volunteers are needed to cut bait, cook and tag fish. Student volunteers are invited to enjoy a free night's stay at the island dorm facility on Saturday evening. The contest will be cancelled if there are fewer than six paid participants.*

For information, please call Brandy Armstrong at (843) 575-7432 or email pritchards_island@hotmail.com. This event is sponsored by Pritchards Island and USC Beaufort.

Alligators

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet at the Visitor Center to learn more about these modern-day dinosaurs during this enlightening look at our largest native reptile. This program is 30 minutes long.

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.
www.southcarolinaparks.com

Beachwalk

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet at the Park Store in the Campground for a guided tour of the beach. As the tide ebbs, we'll search for seashells, shark teeth and other treasures brought in by the tide. This tour is one hour long.

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.
www.southcarolinaparks.com

Lighthouse Tour

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet at the Lighthouse for a fascinating look at how it was built, it's history, and how it was moved! This tour is 45 minutes long.

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.
www.southcarolinaparks.com

Sea Safari

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Come see what lives in the lagoon! Wear a bathing suit and shoes that can get wet as we use seine nets to get a hands-on look at some of our local marine life. This program is one hour long.

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.
www.southcarolinaparks.com

Walk in the Woods

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet us at the Nature Center for a hike through the maritime forest. View ancient dunes, learn about edible plants of the island and see some of the creatures that call our forest home. This tour is one hour long.

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.
www.southcarolinaparks.com

Under the Sea

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet us at the Nature Center for a look at the creatures that live just beneath the surface of the water. We'll use plankton nets, crab pots and minnow traps to get an up-close look at the animals and plants that live under the sea. This program is one hour long.

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.
www.southcarolinaparks.com

Secrets of the Salt Marsh

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet at the Marsh Boardwalk to explore one of the most productive ecosystems in the world during this walk along our boardwalk over the marsh. This program is one hour long.

For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437.

This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.
www.southcarolinaparks.com

BERKELEY COUNTY

Kayak/Canoe Tour and Clean Up

September 17
9:00 a.m.

Daniel Island

Help clean up Daniel Island waterways and paddle along Beresford Creek. The

clean-up will begin at the Beresford Creek landing. Reduced rates are offered on boats rentals, and all proceeds benefit the South Carolina Audubon Society. *Rates range from \$10 for a single kayak to \$20 for tandem kayaks and canoes. Advanced registration is required.*

For more information, contact Kathie Livingston at 1-800-673-0679.

This event is sponsored by Nature Adventures and the South Carolina Audubon Society.
www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com

Swamp Sweep

September 17
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Moncks Corner

Join other volunteers as we clean up Biggin Swamp as part of Beach Sweep/River Sweep. *Please bring your own dip nets, lunch, water and gloves.*

For additional information, please contact Mary Bell at (843) 899-5200.

This event is coordinated with S.C. Sea Grant's national Beach Sweep/River Sweep and is sponsored by Old Santee Canal Park.

www.oldsanteecanalpark.org

One Wild Weekend

September 24 - 25
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cypress Gardens

Naturalists of all ages are invited to attend this weekend event that includes exhibits on wildlife, conservation, recycling and wildlife gardening. Field trips around the gardens will run twice each day. Field trips require reservations and an additional fee. Exhibits are open to everyone paying admission to the park. *Admission fees vary.*

Contact Dwight Williams at (843) 553-0515 for details.

This event is sponsored by Cypress Gardens.
www.cypressgardens.info

Blackwater Rice Plantation Kayak/Canoe Tour and Creek Sweep

September 24
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Blackwater Rice Plantation

Help clean up Quenby Landing and the creek banks along the Blackwater Rice Plantation. Reduced rates are offered on rentals and guided tours. *Rates range from \$20 for a single kayak to*

\$40 for tandem kayaks and canoes. Bring your own boat and receive a \$10 discount. All ages are invited to participate, and advanced registration is required. Bring your own trash bags, gloves and bug spray. All safety and paddling equipment will be provided.

For more information, contact Kathie Livingston at 1-800-673-0679.

This event is sponsored by Nature Adventures.

www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com

Explore the Swamp

September 24

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Moncks Corner

All ages are invited to take a canoe trip through the cool, black water of Biggin swamp while observing many types of wildlife. Stop for refreshments along the historic Santee Canal - the first true canal in America. Be sure to bring sunscreen and water. *Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Advanced registration is required.*

Contact Mary Bell for additional information at (843) 899-5200.

This event is sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.

www.oldsanteecanalpark.org

Bluegrass Festival

October 1

1:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.

Moncks Corner

Come out to the park to enjoy some good old fashioned, foot-stomping bluegrass at this sixth annual event. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Contact Mary Bell for additional information at (843) 899-5200.

This event is sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.

www.oldsanteecanalpark.org

Wambaw Creek Swamp Paddle and Float

October 2

Noon - 3:30 p.m.

Wambaw Creek

Travel back in time through this wilderness hardwood swamp forest. See alligators, woodpeckers and other unique animals along the way. All tour leaders are university-degreed and certified ACA kayak instructors. *Costs are \$50 for adults (13+) and \$30 for children 12 and under. Bring your own boat and receive a \$10 discount.*

Proceeds benefit Sewee to Santee Community Development Corporation. *Advanced registration is required.*

For more information, contact Kathie Livingston at 1-800-673-0679.

This event is sponsored by Nature Adventures.

www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com

CHARLESTON COUNTY

Fossil Foray

September 17

8:00 a.m. - Noon

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Join us for a trip to pan for pieces of the past. We'll scout an area likely to produce fossilized seashells, shark teeth, or turtle bones that belonged to animals that lived ages ago. *The event is for children 9 and up. The fee is \$12 (\$10 with CCR discount). Minimum enrollment required by Sep 14.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.

www.ccprc.com

Parent and Child Samplers: Canoe and Kayak Sampler

September 17, October 8

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

James Island County Park

Bring the whole family out for this exciting program. This program is for children aged 8-16 and their parents. Learn how fun and easy canoeing and kayaking is for the whole family. This hands-on class introduces basic strokes and equipment before giving families a chance to paddle a variety of kayaks and canoes. Learn new skills and enjoy the outdoors as a family. *The fee is \$15 (\$12 with CCR discount.) Minimum enrollment required by September 14/October 5.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.

www.ccprc.com

Sea Kayak Instructional Classes: ACA Strokes & Maneuvers Refinement

September 17

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

James Island County Park

Paddling hard and getting nowhere in your kayak? It's time to perfect your technique! Using on-water practice, our ACA certified instructors will assist you in performing your strokes and maneuvers with efficiency, fluidity, and control. *This course is for adults 16 and older. The fee is \$54 (\$45 with CCR discount). Minimum enrollment required by Sep 14.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.

www.ccprc.com

Canoeing at Caw Caw: Caw Caw Sunset/Moonrise Paddle

September 17

6:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Enjoy an interpretive paddle at dusk. Witness the sun as it slips below the trees of the Caw Caw Swamp followed by the moonrise over Tea Farm Creek. *This event is for adults and children 9 and older. The fee is \$18 (\$15 with CCR discount.) Minimum enrollment required by Sep 14.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.

www.ccprc.com

Kayak/Canoe Tour and Clean Up

September 17

9:00 a.m.

Daniel Island

Help clean up Daniel Island waterways and paddle along Beresford Creek. The clean up will begin at the Beresford Creek landing. *Reduced rates are offered on boats rentals and all proceeds benefit the South Carolina Audubon Society. Rates range from \$10 for a single kayak to \$20 for tandem kayaks and canoes. Advanced registration is required.*

For more information, contact Kathie Livingston at 1-800-673-0679.

This event is sponsored by Nature Adventures and the South Carolina Audubon Society.

www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com

Got Birds?

**September 17, Noon - 2:00 p.m.
October 1, 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Charleston**

Have you ever wondered why pelicans fly so low to the water? Or why wood storks have black-tipped wings? Or why birds sing? If you have questions about birds or want to learn how to identify the species that are commonly found along the coast, then please join us for a guided bird walk. *Adults and children over 5 are invited to attend. Advanced registration is required. Binoculars will be provided for all participants.*

Please contact Jeff Mollenhauer at (843) 953-9809 for details and to make reservations.

This event is sponsored by the SC Department of Natural Resources.

Discover Your Barrier Islands

**September 17, 2005
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Capers Island**

Enjoy a relaxing day of sea kayaking out to a beautiful barrier island. This all-day adventure to Capers Island will explore an "all you can see" seafood buffet. Watch dolphins, pelicans, egrets and other exciting creatures. *Bring a bag lunch and picnic on the beach! Advanced reservations are required.*

Please call Chris Crolley or Tonya Bernard at (843) 884-7684 for details.

This event is sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.

www.coastalexpeditions.com

Discover Sea Kayaking

**September 17
Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant**

Enjoy a leisurely kayak trip to one of the largest pelican rookeries in South Carolina. The trip will feature bird watching, dolphins, fossil hunting, and on-the-water fun for the whole family. *Advanced reservations are required.*

Please call Chris Crolley or Tonya Bernard at (843) 884-7684 for details.

This event is sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.

www.coastalexpeditions.com

Local Sea Kayak Trips: Deveaux Bank

**September 18
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
CCPRC Headquarters**

We'll launch from Cherry Point and paddle to a local dolphin playground. Keep your eyes open for dolphin sightings! After lunch and shell collecting on the beach, we'll return with the incoming tide. *This event is for adults aged 16 and older. The fee is \$54 (\$45 with CCR discount). Minimum enrollment required by Sept. 14.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.

www.ccprc.com

Huck Finn Children's Fishing Festival

**September 24, 2005
8:30 a.m. - Noon
Colonial Lake in Charleston**

Come test your fishing skills and luck at the Colonial Lake Huck Finn Fishing Festival! *This event is open to children ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult. Awards will be given to the top finishers in each age group (4-6, 7-9, 10-12). Other prizes will be awarded during a raffle at the end of the event. There is a \$3 fee per child.*

For more information, contact Matt Olson at (843) 965-4002.

This event is sponsored by the City of Charleston Department of Recreation.
www.charlestoncity.info

Parent & Child Trips: Canoeing Edisto River

**September 24
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
CCPRC Headquarters**

Enjoy the great outdoors and learn new skills while spending quality time as a family. Join us for a day of fun on the Edisto River and bring Mom or Dad. Learn basic canoe strokes before embarking on your day floating downstream! *This event is for adults and children 8 and older. The fee is \$34 (\$28 with CCR discount). Minimum enrollment required by Sept. 21.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.
www.ccprc.com

Carolina Rice Fields

**September 24
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

A slideshow and tour of former rice fields reveal how enslaved people converted swamps into fields of rice. This is a unique opportunity to view historic rice fields, operate a rice trunk, and pound rice. *This event is for adults and children ages 6 and older. The fee is \$8 (\$6 with CCR discount). Minimum enrollment required by Sept. 21.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.
www.ccprc.com

Our Mysterious Carolina Bays - Slide Show

**September 29
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Awendaw**

This slide show and lecture will discuss the characteristics, theoretical origins, and the ecosystems of Carolina bays, the region's most mysterious land form. *The event is free and will be held at the Sewee Visitor Center.*

For details, contact Morgan McClure at (843) 769-7447 or the Sewee Visitors Center at (843) 928-3368.

This event is sponsored by Carolina Ecological Services, Ltd. and Sewee Visitors Center.

Our Mysterious Carolina Bays - Field Trip

**October 1
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Awendaw**

Enjoy a guided field trip to various Carolina bays located on the Francis Marion National Forest and Santee Coastal Reserve. Learn about ecology, fauna, and flora native to the area. Be sure to wear appropriate field clothes and bring bug spray. The field trip is free and will be organized at the Sewee Visitor Center. *Advanced registration is suggested.*

For details, contact Morgan McClure at (843) 769-7447 or the Sewee Visitors Center at (843) 928-3368.

This event is sponsored by Carolina Ecological Services, Ltd. and Sewee Visitors Center.

Morris Island Kayak Trip **October 1**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
CCPRC Headquarters

Ever dream of walking along quiet, beautiful, shell-covered beaches? We'll paddle to Morris Island from Sunrise Park to do just that! As we ride the tide back, we'll give our greetings to Fort Sumter. *This event is for adults ages 16 and older. The fee is \$54 (\$45 with CCR discount). Minimum enrollment required by Sept. 28.*

For more information or to register, please call (843) 795-4FUN.

This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.
www.ccprc.com

Capers Island Heritage Preserve Paddle **October 1**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Capers Island

Paddle with the tides along this 12-mile round-trip tour of the Capers Island Heritage Preserve. All tour leaders are university-degreed and certified ACA kayak instructors. *Costs are \$70 for adults 15 and older and \$40 for children. Fees included boat rental, equipment and lunch. Bring your own boat and receive a \$10 discount. Fifty percent of proceeds benefit Sewee Association environmental education programs. Advanced registration is required.*

For more information, contact Kathie Livingston at 1-800-673-0679.

This event is sponsored by Nature Adventures.
www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com

Explore Bull Island **October 1**

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Awendaw

Enjoy the pristine estuaries of Cape Romain en route to beautiful Bull Island. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to collect shells and see dolphins and other wildlife. *Be sure to bring sunscreen, water, and comfortable shoes. Advanced reservations are required.*

Please call Chris Crolley or Tonya Bernard at (843) 884-7684 for details.

This event is sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.
www.coastalexpeditions.com

Wambaw Creek Swamp Paddle and Float

October 2
Noon - 3:30 p.m.
Wambaw Creek

Travel back in time through this wilderness hardwood swamp forest. See alligators, woodpeckers and other unique animals along the way. All tour leaders are university-degreed and certified ACA kayak instructors. *Costs are \$50 for adults 13 and older and \$30 for children 12 and under. Bring your own boat and receive a \$10 discount. Proceeds benefit Sewee to Santee Community Development Corporation. Advanced registration is required.*

For more information, contact Kathie Livingston at 1-800-673-0679.

This event is sponsored by Nature Adventures.
www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com

Naturalist Guided Beach Walk **October 2**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sullivans Island

All ages are invited to come explore a beautiful barrier island with a naturalist. This is a great event for the whole family to learn where sand comes from, how shells are made and what creatures call this diverse ecosystem home. *Advanced reservations are required.*

Please call Chris Crolley or Tonya Bernard at (843) 884-7684 for details.

This event is sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.
www.coastalexpeditions.com

COLLETON COUNTY

Got Birds?

September 24
9:00 a.m. - Noon
ACE Basin

Have you ever wondered why pelicans fly so low to the water? Or why wood storks have black-tipped wings? Or why birds sing? If you have questions about birds or want to learn how to identify the species that are commonly found along the coast, then please join us for a guided bird walk. *Adults and children over 5 are invited to attend. Advanced registration is required. Binoculars will be provided for all participants.*

For additional information and to register, please contact Jeff

Mollenhauer at (843) 953-9809 or
mollenhauerj@dnr.sc.gov.

This event is sponsored by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

National Estuaries Day **September 24**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bennett's Point

Leaning about estuaries has never been more fun! Come celebrate National Estuaries with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources for an unforgettable educational experience. Hop onboard the E/V Discovery and learn about animals and plants that live in the ACE Basin. *Adults and children over 10 are invited to attend. Advanced registration is required.*

For additional information and to register, please contact Elizabeth Vernon at (843) 953-9359 or
vernone@mdr.dnr.state.sc.us.

This event is sponsored by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Sandy Island Wildlife Refuge Kayaking

September 17, October 1
10:00 a.m.
Murrells Inlet

Kayak across the Waccamaw River to Sandy Island for a walk along the scrub oak sand ridges of one of America's newest National Wildlife Refuges. Colorful songbirds, turtles and abundant plant life abound. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. *Tour costs are \$55 per person. Children under 13 cost \$35 when accompanied by a parent.*

For more information, contact Bill Unger at (843) 546-4840.

This event is sponsored by Black River Outdoors Center & Expeditions.
www.blackriveroutdoors.com

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking

September 20, 22 and October 4, 6
9:00 a.m.
Plantersville

Paddle kayaks through creeks and canals lined with antebellum dikes and trunk gates flooding vast ricefield impoundments. View the mysterious remains of the Prince Frederick Episcopal Church and learn the legend of Gunner tower. Moderate physical

ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. *Advanced reservation required. Tour costs are \$55 per person. Children under 13 cost \$35 when accompanied by a parent.*

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National Estuaries Day Open House

September 24, 2005

9:00 a.m. - Noon

**USC Baruch Marine Lab
Georgetown**

In celebration of National Estuaries Day, explore the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR), headquartered at the University of South Carolina's Baruch Marine Field Lab on Hobcaw Barony. The North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR is one of two reserves in the state that are involved in monitoring, research and education related to estuarine resources. The Open House event includes a walking tour of the Reserve headquarters, a salt marsh boardwalk and meteorological station, and water chemistry labs with discussions about current initiatives. *All ages are welcome, and advanced registration is required. Cameras and binoculars are welcome.*

Please contact Beth Thomas for more information and to register at (843) 546-6219 x248.

This event is sponsored by the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

www.northinlet.sc.edu

Huntington Beach Salt Marsh Kayaking

September 24, October 8

10:00 a.m.

Murrells Inlet

Paddle through spartina grass creeks around mysterious Drunken Jack Island to the sandy beaches of historic Magnolia Beach. View sea turtles and shore birds feeding, and see alligators basking in freshwater lagoons leading to Atalaya Castle. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. *Advanced reservation required. Tour costs are \$55 per person. Children under 13 cost \$35 when accompanied by a parent.*

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Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking

September 27, 29

9:00 a.m.

Georgetown

Paddle kayaks deep into the tupelo-cypress swamps fed by the black waters of the Black River. Explore remote beaver ponds and land on hidden islands where few humans have ever gone. Watch for swamp canaries, cooter turtles and arboreal orchids. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. *Tour costs are \$55 per person. Children under 13 cost \$35 when accompanied by a parent.*

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Fishes of the North Inlet

September 30, 2005

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

USC Baruch Marine Lab

Georgetown

Assist researchers with a long-term fish study. Observe scientists as they take water readings and collect a sample of fish, crabs and shrimp from a tidal creek in North Inlet and then help identify, measure and weigh each catch! All ages are welcome to participate but children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Old clothes, bug spray, sunscreen and shoes for walking in the marsh are recommended. *The event is free, though advanced registration is required.*

Please contact Beth Thomas for more information and to register at (843) 546-6219 x248.

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Ocean Sightseeing

Call for schedule

Murrells Inlet

Depart from historic Murrells Inlet, passing through the tranquil natural beauty of a saltwater marsh and out into the majestic Atlantic Ocean. You will cruise up the shoreline of the Grand Strand, seeing the Myrtle Beach skyline

from the ocean, watching the sunset at sea, and return with the sights of the lights from the shore. A memorable event for the entire family. *The tour is approximately two hours long. The cost is \$17 for adults and \$7 for children ages 6 - 12 years and free for children under 6 with an adult. Reservations are required.*

For more information, contact Capt. Dicks at (843) 651-3676 or (843) 651-1212.

www.capticks.com

Dolphin Watching

Call for schedule

Murrells Inlet

Climb aboard the "OSPREY", a high-speed rigid aluminum inflatable vessel well suited for dolphin watching. Tour emphasizes the ecology, wildlife, and the beauty of the coast. The cruise host will talk to you about dolphins in the wild and explain the search methods while looking for other things such as osprey, egrets, herons, and eagles. *Sunscreen and sunglasses are encouraged. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$17 for children under 12. Reservations are required.*

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www.capticks.com

Saltwater Marsh Explorer Adventure

Call for schedule

Murrells Inlet

Discover the world of "Marine Wonderland", a two-and-a-half hour boat journey guided by a marine biologist. Experience the vital, living habitat that is home to hundreds of fascinating mysterious marine creatures. Learn their spellbinding secrets, kept hidden and waiting just below the surface of the water! Our discovery experience is an opportunity to participate in fun filled outdoor activities! See demonstration of salt water marsh fishing and crabbing, and explore a nearby beach in search of "treasures". *The cost is \$19 for adults and \$11 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. Participants should bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, tennis or boat shoes, small bag for collecting shells, and dress according to weather.*

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HORRY COUNTY

Beach Sweep and Raffle

September 17

9:00 a.m - Noon

Myrtle Beach State Park

Enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to do their part to help keep the beach at Myrtle Beach State Park safe and clean for humans and wildlife. After cleaning the beach, there will be a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses. *Admission to the park is free and drinks will be provided. Be sure to wear shoes and bring your own gloves.*

For more information, contact Ann Malys Wilson at (843) 238-0874.

This event is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach State Park.

www.southcarolinaparks.com

How to Decorate - Hermit Crab Style!

September 20

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Myrtle Beach State Park

Spend some quality time with your youngster (ages 4-5) while learning about hermit crabs and other sea creatures. We will read an interactive story, do a craft and meet some live hermit crabs! *Participants will meet in the Activities Center. The fee is \$6 per child and free for chaperone. Entrance to the park is free.*

For more information, contact Ann Malys Wilson at (843) 238-0874.

This event is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach State Park.

www.southcarolinaparks.com

Wednesday Warblers

September 28, October 5

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Myrtle Beach State Park

Enjoy a stroll through the park as we search for neotropical migrants - warblers, vireos, orioles and more! *The cost of the tour is \$5 per person with free admission to the park. A limited supply of binoculars is available for a \$1 donation.*

For more information, contact Ann Malys Wilson at (843) 238-0874.

This event is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach State Park.

www.southcarolinaparks.com

Wildflowers of the Fields and Roadside

Call for Dates and Times

Horry County Museum

Conway

Come enjoy this photographic exhibit by Stewart Pabst, director of the Horry County Museum. On exhibit will be beautiful photographs of some of Horry County's wonderful wildflowers found along scenic highways and byways.

For more information, contact Terri Hooks at (843) 248-1282.

This event is sponsored by the Horry County Museum.

www.horrycountymuseum.org

STATEWIDE

Beach Sweep/River Sweep

Saturday September 17

Beach Sweep/River Sweep is South Carolina's largest one-day volunteer cleanup event of our beaches and waterways. Join thousands of fellow South Carolinians to help clear beaches, rivers, lakes, marshes, and swamps of debris. Last year, more than 11 tons of trash and debris were collected, but there is still more to be done!

To volunteer on the coast, contact Susan Ferris at (843) 727-2078 or susan.ferris@scseagrant.org.

For inland areas, contact Alison Krepps at (843) 953-9335 or kreppa@dnr.sc.gov.

The program is sponsored statewide by S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and the S.C. Department of Natural Resources. Additional information is available online at:

www.scseagrant.org/education/education_bsrs.htm



**Coastal Photography Contest
SCDHEC/Office of Ocean and
Coastal Resource Management
Statewide**

**Contest - Entry is Free!
DEADLINE TO ENTER:
SEPTEMBER 30**

Photographers of all ages and degrees of expertise are invited to enter this annual contest sponsored by DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. Photos must be of coastal South Carolina scenes (i.e., marshes, coastal wildlife, boats, recreation, beaches, etc.). Photographs should be colorful and appropriate as an illustration for a tide chart. Horizontal orientation is required. Photographs must be original, non-published photos. Color photos, CDs with image sheets, and slides are accepted with a limit of five (5) pictures per person. The winner of this contest will receive \$200. The winning photo will grace the OCRM's annual Tide Table Poster, which is distributed throughout the Coastal Zone. Submissions will not be returned unless submitted with a self-addressed stamped enveloped.

For more information or to submit your photos, contact Dan Burger at (843) 744-5838.

**Submit your entry to:
Coastal Photo Contest
c/o SCDHEC/OCRM
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
Charleston, SC 29405**



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